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### PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### SEGUIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Seguin Police Department is in the process of a large-scale investigation involving a theft scheme targeting retailers in cities along the IH-35 and IH-10 corridor. The suspects have developed a method of operation involving the counterfeiting and replacement of universal product codes. Our investigation has revealed that these suspects might have been operating in this manner for several years so the total loss suffered by area businesses has yet to be calculated and all of the victim businesses have yet to be identified. To date, the total loss is in the tens of thousands of dollars and this number is expected to rise.

One female suspect has been interviewed. A male suspect was identified as Jesus Vicente Garcia, date of birth: 4/26/1956, Texas driver's license number 04737763. A warrant for his arrest was obtained on 2/25/2005 charging with the offense of Theft, \$1500-\$20,000. Justice of the Peace, Guadalupe County Precinct number Two, Edmund Castellanos, issued the warrant. We are attempting to locate Garcia with the help of area law enforcement agencies. The warrant has been entered into TCIC.

We are endeavoring to identify any associates that might have worked in conjunction with these suspects.

We have determined that the suspects have targeting businesses that hold large inventories such as Home Depot, Lowe's and Wal-Mart.

We welcome any general managers or corporate security officers to contact our agency for specifics. We will not discuss the matter over the telephone, but we will be happy to meet with you in person to discuss the scheme so you can be on heightened security. Because we have identified the suspects' method of operations, we have developed suggestions that might deter/prevent further victimization.

We are also asking that any area law enforcement agencies that wish further information to contact us.

Any interested parties should contact Detective Sergeant Juan San Miguel at (830) 401-2369.



Jesus Vicente Garcia-suspect